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1. A land mine depot is located in a forest 8-10 kilometers northeast of Sungurlare (N 42-45, E 26-48), four or five kilometers south of Podvis (N 42-50, E 26-51), three to five kilometers west of the Podvis railroad station, and five or six kilometers northwest of Lozarevo railroad station, in Karnobat Okoliya. The area is 2.5 x 2 kilometers in size. Trees were felled to clear the area and young trees are now being planted about the depots. The area is surrounded by a single row of barbed wire. Posted notices state that trespassers will be fired upon without warning. There is only one gate to this area, located in the direction of the Podvis railroad station.

2. In February 1952, construction of a 3-4 kilometer road to Podvis was started. It will be eight meters wide with 50-60 centimeter drainage ditches on both sides. The roadbed was levelled and base stones

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25X13. A sketch showing the installation is included as Appendix A on pages 3, 4, and 5.

4. The depots are to be constructed in amphitheater shape about the skirts of the hill. There are to be four rows of nine depots each. The depots within each row are 100-150 meters apart while the rows are 150-200 meters apart. By February 1952, twelve of the depots had been completed. (A sketch showing the building construction is included as Appendix B, on pages 6 and 7.)

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5. The depots are built of brick. The roof is of pine rafters covered with tiles. Each depot is placed in a pit which is 8-10 meters deep. Water is drained off through grates in the pit. These depots were to be completed by the end of 1952, but subsequent to that time the depots were not completed.

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25X1 but [] they cannot be finished by then because the earth is very hard and walls had to be built to prevent landslides (sic).

6. Just prior to 15 August 1951, one hundred and fifty railroad cars of ammunition were brought from the Podvis railroad station. These stores were piled on the ground, surrounded by barbed wire and guarded continuously by four soldiers. These ammunitions were still in place in February 1952.

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- a. A wooden box, 60-70 x 35-40 x 35-40 centimeters in size, weighing about 50 kilograms; contents: handle-type antipersonnel hand grenades (a sketch [] 25X1 included as Appendix C, Figure 1, on page 8);

- b. A wooden box, 120-130 x 60-70 x 25-30 centimeters in size, weighing about 50-60 kilograms; contents: round-type antitank mines (a sketch [] 25X1 Appendix C, Figure 2, on page 8);

- c. A wooden box, 120-130 x 60-70 x 50-60 centimeters in size, weighing about 50-60 kilograms; contents: small wooden boxes, 12-14 x 5-6 x 5-6 centimeters, containing small parts [] detonators; 25X1

- d. A wooden box, 50-60 x 50-60 x 20-25 centimeters, weighing 15-20 kilograms; contents: parts [] mine detonators; the word danger is written on these boxes; 25X1

- e. A wooden box, 90-100 x 90-100 x 100-110 centimeters in size, weighing 40-50 kilograms; [] the word danger is written on these boxes; and 25X1

- f. A wooden box, 90-100 x 90-100 x 100-110 centimeters in size, weighing 60-70 kilograms; [] the word danger is written on these boxes. 25X1

25X1 8. [] personnel:

- a. Captain Klatev (fnu), project commander; and
- b. Stavanov (fnu) an engineer in charge of construction until late 1951; he was assisted by two military technicians and four Trudovak technicians;
9. The construction work was being done by Trudovak Companies Podelenie 3330 and 3331, attached to Trudovak Battalion, Podelenie 3330 (sic), located at Lozarevo village, Karnobat Okolliya. No modern equipment was being used. Guard duty is maintained by 30-35 soldiers from an unidentified unit.

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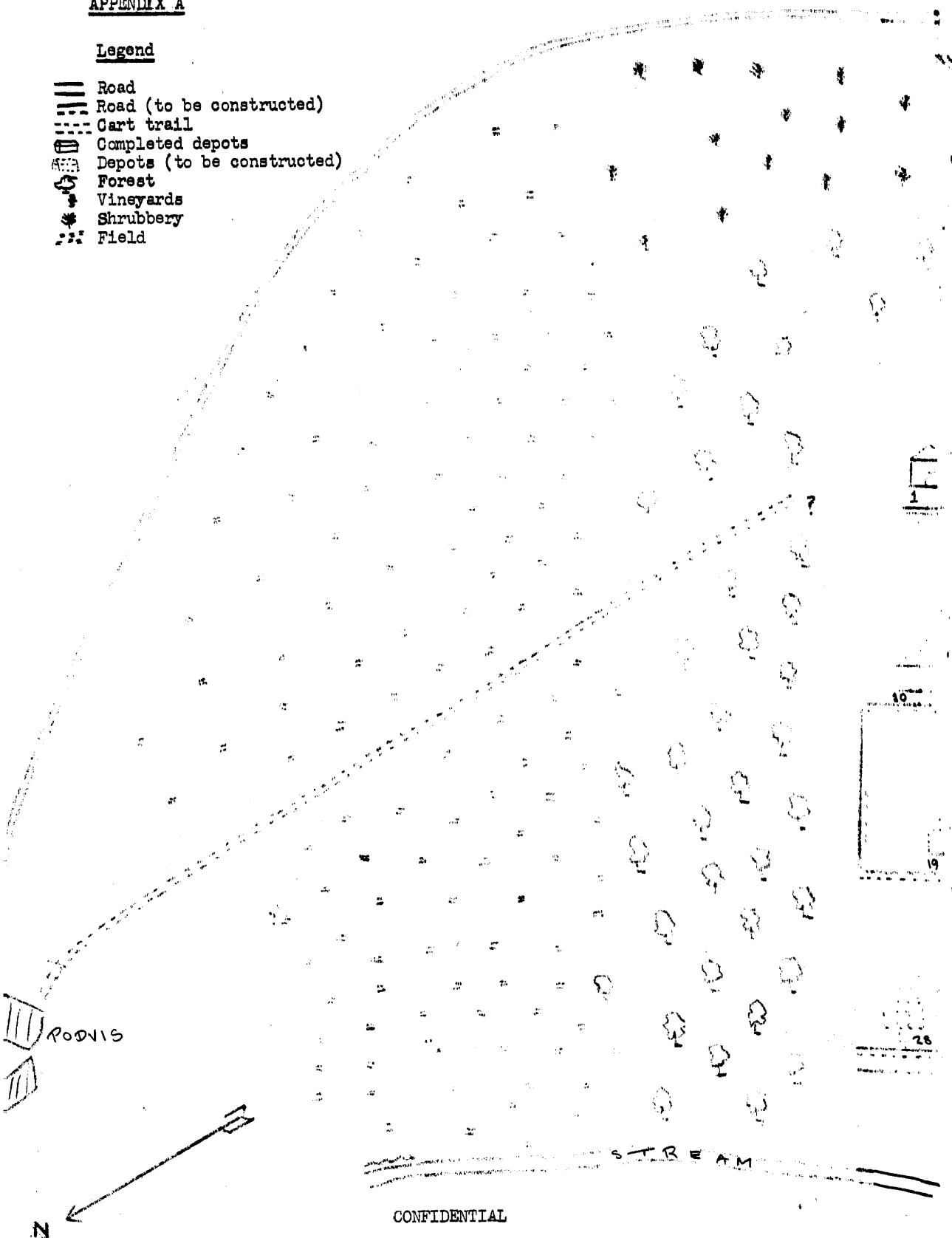
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APPENDIX A

Legend

- Road
- Road (to be constructed)
- - - Cart trail
- ☐ Completed depots
- ☐ Depots (to be constructed)
- ☐ Forest
- ☐ Vineyards
- ☐ Shrubbery
- ☐ Field

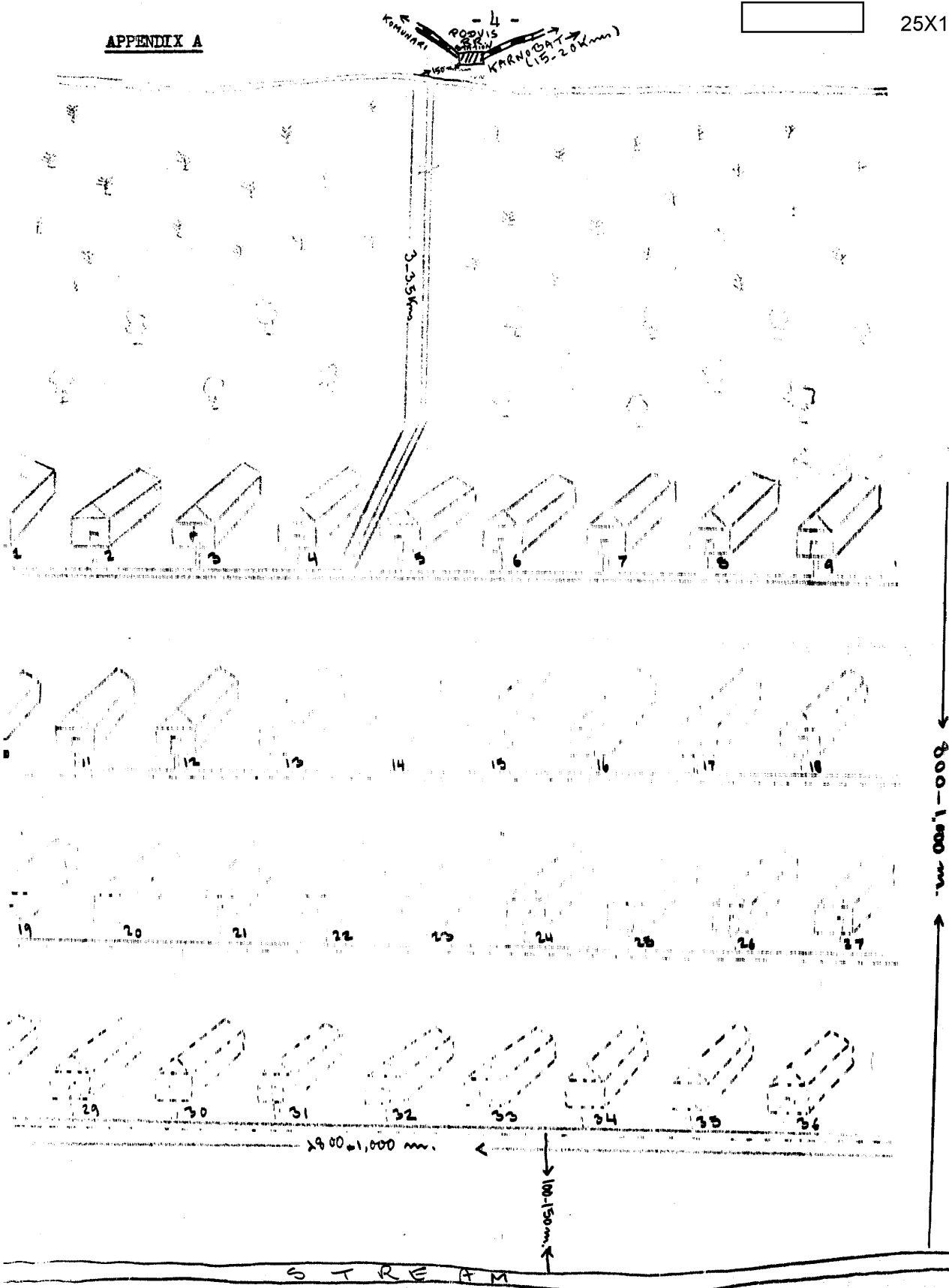


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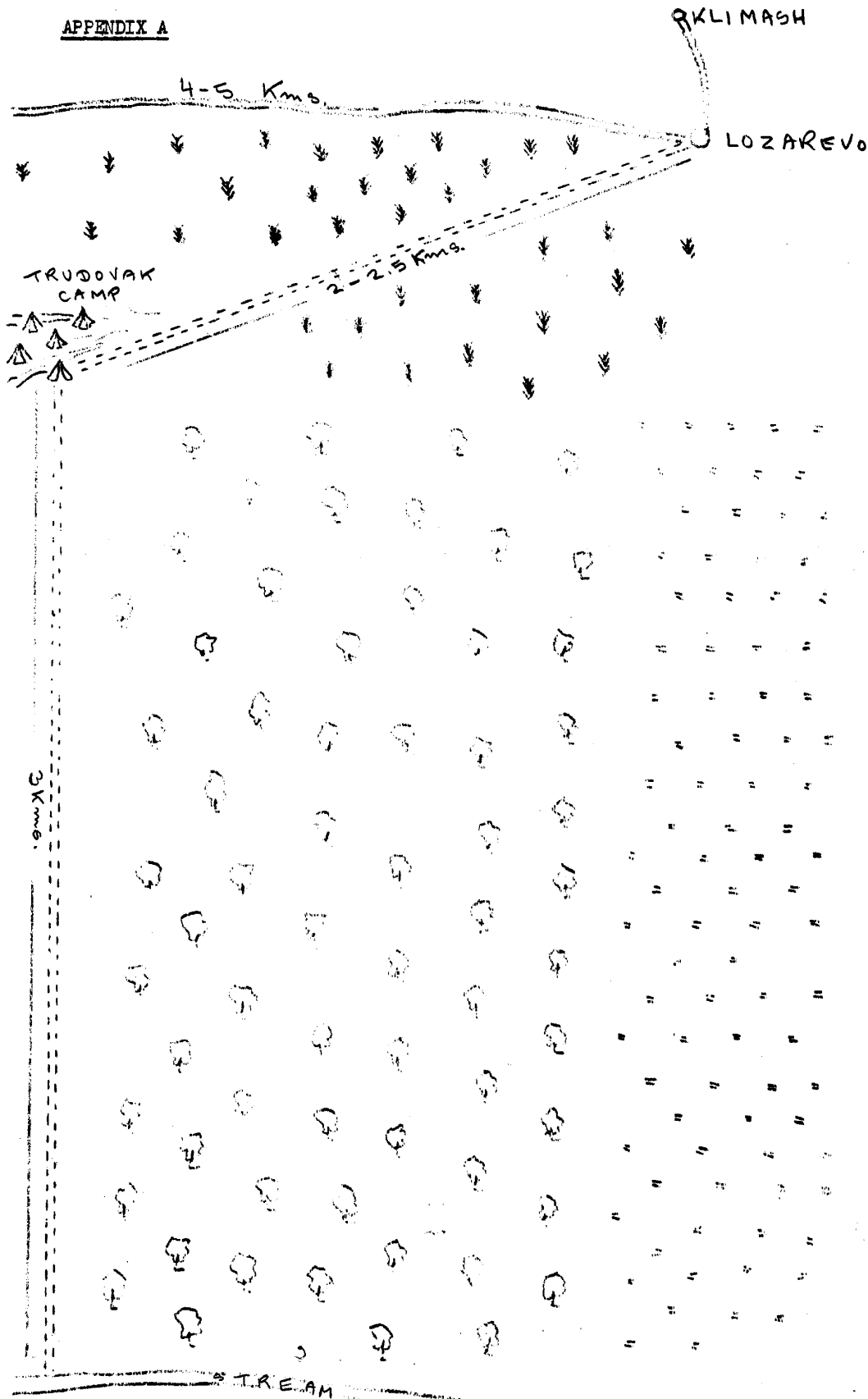
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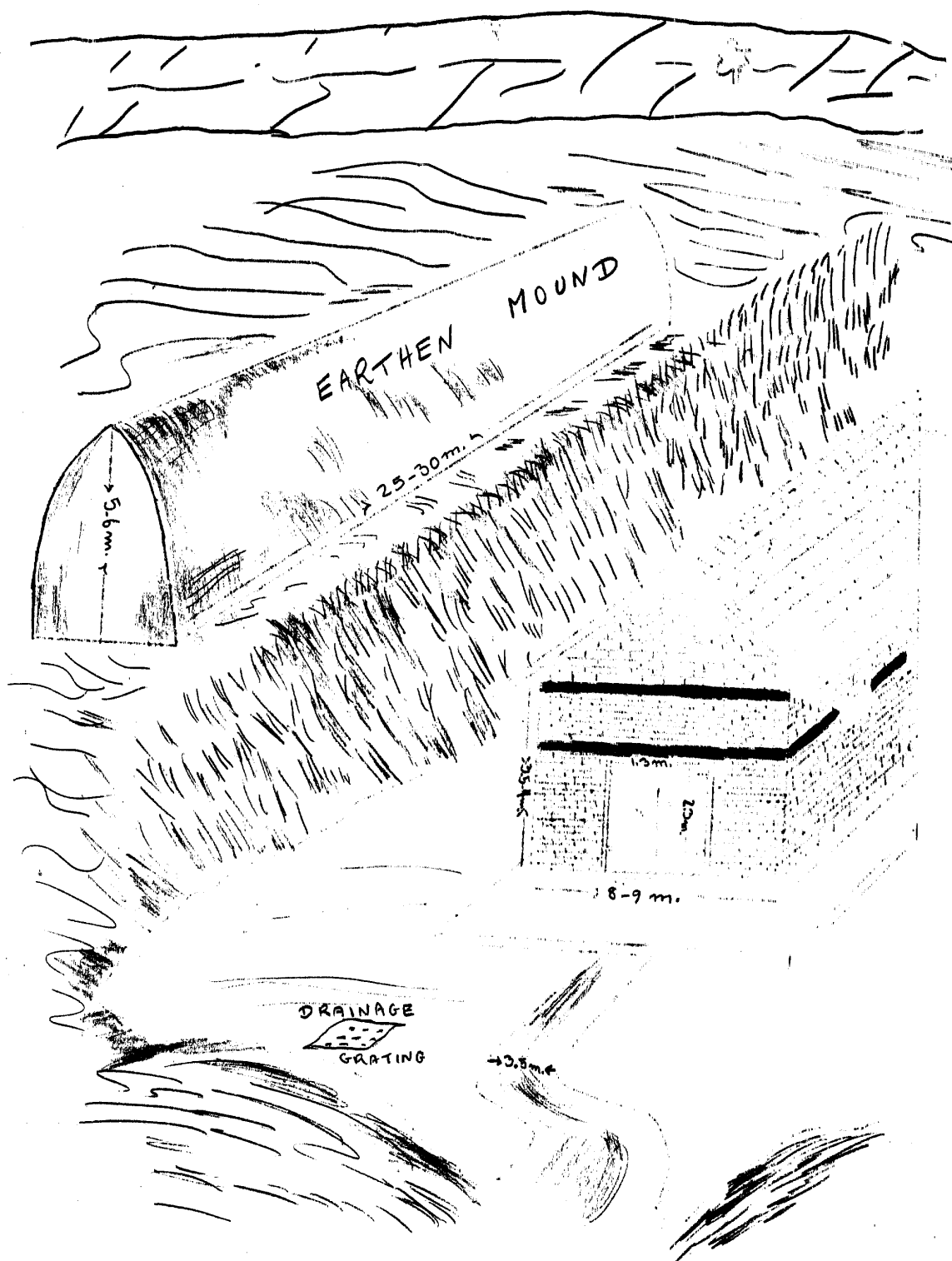
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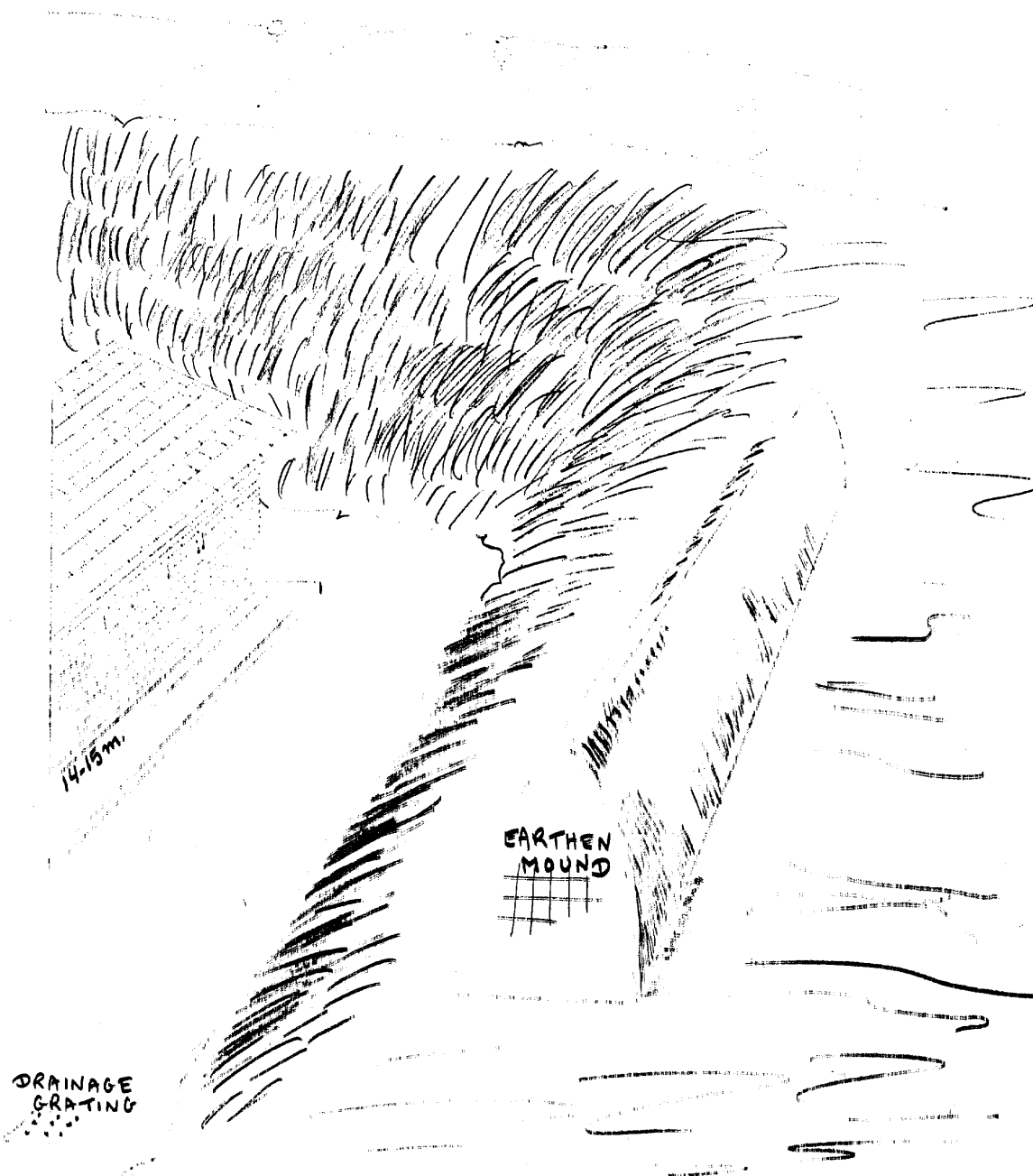
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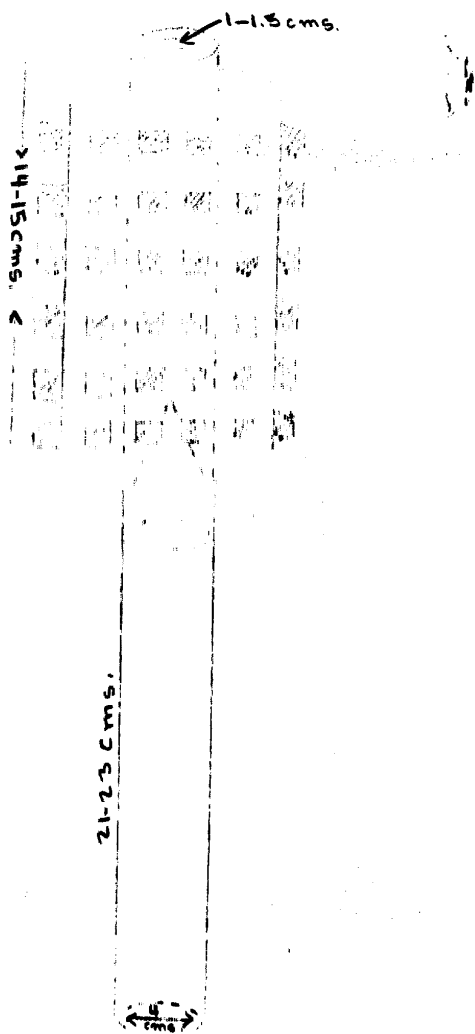
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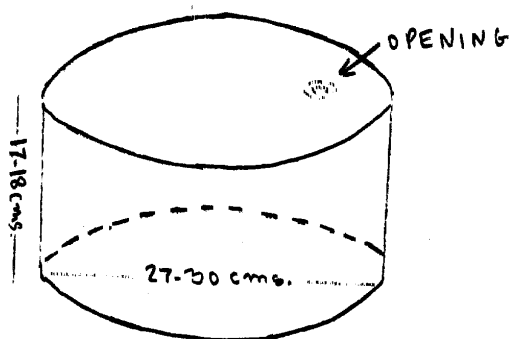
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Figure # 1



ANTI-PERSONNEL
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Figure # 2



ANTITANK MINE

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